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ABSTRACT

The job of the library cataloger has grown increasingly complex. Catalogers must draw from a vast pool of dynamic information as they handle traditional and new forms of media. Technical Services Workstations (TSWs) provide catalogers the network data, application programs, and standard hardware required to catalog all types of media quickly and with dependable accuracy. This book provides librarians and catalogers with the vital issues to consider in developing a strategy and implementing effective TSWs. The book is divided into five parts: Background and Planning; Online Documentation and Online Tools; Productivity Enhancers: Macros and Programmatic Approaches; Ergonomic and Training Issues for the Desktop Environment; and The Symbiotic Future: Technical Services Workstations, the Internet, and the World Wide Web. It includes the following chapters: (1) "Hardware and Network Considerations" (Michael Kaplan); (2) "Software Considerations" (Michael Kaplan); (3) "A Developer's Point of View" (Mark Wilson); (4) "National Cooperative Programs" (Michael Kaplan); (5) "Online Documentation First Steps: Cataloger's Desktop" (Bruce Chr. Johnson); (6) "Library of Congress Classification: SuperLCCS and Classification Plus" (Anaclare Frost Evans); (7) "Dewey for Windows" (Diane Vizine-Goetz and Mark Bendig); (8) "Northwestern University's Toolkit" (Gary L. Strawn); (9) "Custom Applications: The Library of Congress Experience" (David Williamson); (10) "Ergonomics and Design" (Bruce Trumble); (11) "Training" (Julia C. Blixrud); and (12) "The TSW and Emerging Technologies: A Researcher's Perspective" (Diane Vizine-Goetz). (Contains 66 references.) (SWC)

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